



Transportation Committee Update

February 17, 2020

#### **Summary**

- Launched: December 3, 2019
- Hours: Monday-Friday 6am-8pm and
  Saturday 10am-8pm
- No. Vehicles: 6
- **Zone:** ~7.0 square miles of Birmingham
- **Pricing:** \$1.50
- **Reservations:** App or Phone (205-236-0768)

BCRI & Civil Rights District JeffCo Family **UAB University** Hospital & Children's of AL at Birminghan

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# Birmingham On-Demand is showing high growth in ridership and low wait times. [10 weeks of operations]

6,400

Rides completed

4.9

2.2

Average rating

Average miles per ride

8.1

Avg. wait times (min)

93%

Pickups on time

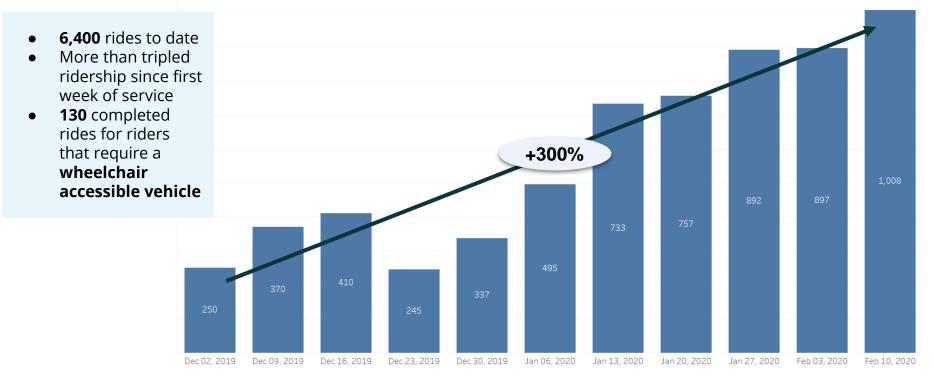
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Completed WAV rides





#### Weekly ridership has been rapidly growing since first day.





Christmas Day (no service) New Years Day (no service)



## Top pick up / drop off points are spread across pilot zone.

- 1. Publix
- 2. Birmingham Intermodal Facility
- 3. Crossplex
- UAB Hospital Highlands
- Marino's Market at Central Park
- 5th Ave N & Richard Arrington Jr Blvd N
- Pike Rd & Barbour Ave



Top pick-up and drop-off destinations include **hospitals**, **public transportation and grocery stores**, providing access to Birmingham's residents, including historically underserved populations





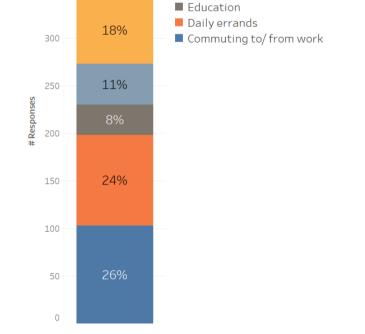
# Riders use the service to commute to work and run daily errands.

# Q: What are the reasons you use Birmingham On-Demand? (select all)

\* Based on a survey results from 206 riders, distributed January 2020

50% of riders use the service for commuting or daily errands

21% use the service for healthcare or social / government services



Taking care of child

Leisure

Healthcare

■ Social / Government services





4%

10%

350

# Riders especially love the affordable fares and reliable service.

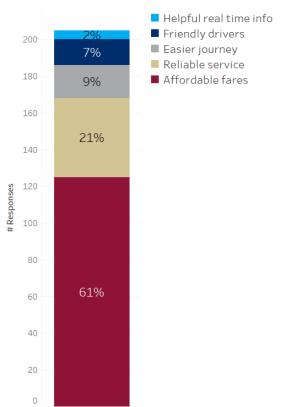
#### Q: What do you like most about Birmingham On-Demand?

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61% of riders like affordable fares for the service the most

21% of riders like the reliability of the service the most







### Riders have provided overwhelmingly positive feedback.

It's **easy** to get a ride and **not have to** wait an hour.

birmingham needs **modern**, **affordable** transit options if it's going to be the technology hub of the south. via is **smart**, **convenient**, **and reliable**. i live in the city and i don't drive my car unless i'm going out of town.

Please **keep service going**, it is a great feature of living in Birmingham.

The service is always **timely**. The drivers are always **nice and clean**. And the **price is perfect**.

I **love the service**. I'd have been spending much more on transportation without Birmingham on Demand.

I always know where my driver is so I'm not waiting for no reason.

Simple easy efficient



